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Growers of Gladiolus
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THE GLADIOLUS, for many of us, most completely gives the beauty we seek in a flower, by its great variety of color shade in harmonious combination and in its varying delicate form and stately grace.

The several varieties we introduce here are Stephen Chase originations, hybridized and grown in Florida as a hobby, over the past eight years, and selected by the originator from thousands of seedlings. We are confident that they are worthy to be included among the beautiful varieties already available.

We claim no "world beaters" among them, nor that they are all technically perfect, for the perfect Gladiolus has yet to be produced. But each of our offerings has a distinct individuality and definite appeal in form and color. All varieties but one on our list have been tested under northern growing conditions, and the honors won by them testify to their worth. Several were not shown because they did not bloom in just the right time for showing, but performed well enough to warrant introduction.

The bulbs we are offering are all Florida field grown in new land, the second year from bulblets. From our own observations and tests by several northern growers, bulbs produced under these conditions appear to have particular vigor under northern culture.

The descriptive figures as to height, size, etc., are the results of trials in Vermont and, we are confident, truly reflect the flowers' response to good practice.

The stock of some of these varieties is very limited this year, so we must offer them under the condition "if unsold". It would help us if you would indicate your choice of substitutions, if any.

Our bulbs are warranted true to variety, and safe delivery is guaranteed. Shipments are prepaid. We send COD upon request, but please send 25% remittance for COD orders.

Our purpose is to please you, but if, for any reasonable cause, you are dissatisfied, we would appreciate your advice. Of course, we shall not object to favorable comment.

AGATHA: Seedling of Shirley Temple x June Bride (No. C 44-44).

Vote of Commendation: N. E. G. S. — 1946. Score 85.

A giant clear light cream with clear light yellow shading on inner half of lower petals and no inner throat markings. Petals wide but somewhat pointed with center crease and a little ruffling; cream stamens. A very strong, vigorous plant growing spikes up to 66" high. 6½" blooms on a 24" to 28" head with nineteen buds. Informal type, wide open and well faced and attached. Five to six florets open and five to seven showing color.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$3.00

CANOPUS: Seedling of Shirley Temple x June Bride (C 44-14).

Commendation Award from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society 1946.

This is a real giant with 7" florets, and one spike is a show in itself. We have grown it over 60" tall with a 30" flower head of eighteen buds. Under good culture it has occasionally shown 8" florets. The stalk is strong and heavy. The wide open, creased and pointed petals are light cream with two shades darker lip suffused with faint crimson. It opens with five, and five to seven showing color. This is distinctly a home garden variety which will require staking, if in an exposed location, because of its heavy head and height.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$3.00

DAPHNE: Seedling of Bit O'Heaven x Picardy (No. B 12-16).

Voted Best Seedling in the Maine State Show 1946. Score 89.

Light orange shading to red outer edge with faint orange feather on light yellow lip. A very strong, vigorous grower having spikes up to 53" with 26" head and eighteen buds. The ruffled florets are wide open and well faced, five inches across, seven open and seven to eight showing color. This should make a fine popular commercial.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$3.00

DEBUTANTE: Seedling of Picardy x Bit O' Heaven (No. B 15-13).

Certificate Winner in the Michigan Trial Gardens 1946, scoring 86.2. Record of bulblet production at the Trial Gardens, 276 average per bulb.

An informal light yellow shading to deep orange outer edge of petals and lavender stamens.

The vigorous, broadleaved growth gives a 58" spike, 30" head of twenty buds. Six 4½" florets open and six or more show color. Debutante should make a fine commercial as its performance in the Trial Gardens would indicate and it is an excellent producer of high germinating bulblets.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$3.00

DRYAD: Seedling of Black Opal x Mam-mouth White seedling (No. D 16-19).

A smoky, light to deep rose with heavy cream blotch and center lines. It opens six to seven 5" florets and as many showing color on a strong wiry stalk. Florets are plain, wide open, well faced and attached and make a beautiful spike for those who admire smokies. Dryad has not yet been grown under northern conditions. Stock is very limited.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$5.00

EVENGLOW: Seedling of Aladdin x Shirley Temple (No. C 42-48).

Honorable Mention: N. E. G. S.—1946.

Ruffled, round, wide open 5¼" to 5½" florets on a 60" spike with 26" head and sixteen to eighteen buds. Edge of all petals are red orange which shades to light salmon in inner throat and clear light yellow on lower petals. As many as eight will open and six show color under good culture and the florets are closely attached, well faced on a strong, upright stalk.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$3.00

NUGGET: Seedling of (Shirley Temple x Rewi Fallu) x unknown (No. F 4-1).

"This is the yellow we have been looking for" is the comment of a northern commercial grower. It did not bloom in proper time to enter in the 1946 seedling shows, but did remarkably well in Vermont. It is a perfectly clear, light yellow with two shades darker lip and no inner throat spots. The 5" to 5¼" florets are wide open, a little creased, of heavy texture and closely, firmly attached in informal arrangement. Five to six open and five to seven show color on a 50" to 54" spike, and head of nineteen buds. It is a good producer of high germinating bulblets. A recent development so present stock is very limited.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$5.00

ORION: Seedling of Shirley Temple x June Bride. (No. C 44-1).

Honorable Mention: N. E. G. S.—1946.

This is another one of the quadruplets we are introducing from this parentage. While all have somewhat the same characteristics, each has a distinct individuality. This one is light yellow

shading to a slightly lighter tone in the inner throat, which has very few and faint crimson spots. Five florets are open at once, and six or more show color. They are up to 7" across with somewhat recurved petals of heavy texture. The plants are very vigorous, with broad leaves, a 56" spike and 28" to 30" flower head of seventeen buds.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$3.00

**RHODA: Seedling of Picardy x Myrna
(No. C 21-32).**

Honorable Mention: N. E. G. S.—1946.

Grows on a wiry stem up to 58" high with 28" head and twenty-one florets, seven open and six showing color. Bright light pink, shading to light red outer edge of petals with a light cream lip that is faintly peppered with violet red spots. 4½" florets are wide open, well placed and faced. Formal arrangement.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$3.00

SARACEN: Seedling of Picardy x Golden Goddess (No. B 14-14).

Showy coral red outer coloring. Cream yellow center with cream center line on wide petals. Coral feather on lower petals. Strong, tall spike up to 64" high with 24" head, and eighteen buds. 5¼" florets, eight open. Well faced, formal type.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$3.00

SEMINOLE: Seedling of Shirley Temple x Rocket (No. C 43-1).

Honorable Mention: Maine State Show 1946.

Giant (6") florets on a tall, strong spike growing up to 66" high with 30" to 32" head and twenty buds. Six out and six to eight showing color. Informal type. Color is brilliant scarlet, shading to deep salmon in inner throat. Slightly ruffled, round and wide open florets set close to stalk and well faced. Should be cut before opening in the field because it fades in strong sunlight.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$3.00

SIREN: Seedling of Takina x Oregon Red (No. B 21-3).

Honorable Mention: N. E. G. S.—1946.

Brilliant deep red main color with darker edging on petals and shading a tone lighter toward the inner throat. Silver arrow centered with crimson line half way out on lower petals. Center line a shade lighter on all petals. Strong plant up to 54" stalk with 21" head and eighteen buds in

formal arrangement. The plain wide open 5½" florets have good texture and are well faced. Stock is limited.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$3.00

SPINDRIFT: Seedling of Picardy x Myrna (No. C 21-2).

Best Formal Seedling in Boston Show 1946. Score 88⅔.

It was exhibited in the Giant Class, having 5½" florets. However, it usually runs from 5" to 5¼". The spike grows up to 58" with a 26" to 28" flower head having twenty buds, six to seven open. The buds show as light cream, but the florets open as white with clear light yellow to cream throat. Florets have good texture, a little crinkled on the edges, wide open, well faced and attached. This should make a very popular commercial white.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$3.00

STEPHANIE: Seedling of Aladdin x Shirley Temple (No. C 42-1).

Honorable Mention: N. E. G. S.—1946.

Dainty white, pink and yellow in striking harmony. Informal. The heavily ruffled broad petals have a wide edging of deep pink, shading through light cream to white in the throat. The lower petals have a clear light yellow lip shading to a deep pink on the outer tips and edges. Lavender stamens. The vigorous plants produce wide open, round, heavy textured, 5¼" florets on a 54" to 58" spike and 20" to 22" head of sixteen buds. Six open and six show color. This is strictly a home garden variety, which many admirers say is the most beautiful gladiolus they have ever seen. This opinion is our reason for introducing this flower, although the bottom floret is sometimes weakly attached, and we are not entirely satisfied with the keeping quality of the bulbs.

We are not pricing this variety, but offer it as a premium of one bulb for each order of \$12.00.

VEGA: Seedling of Shirley Temple x June Bride (No. C 44-2).

This is a sister seedling to Canopus, Agatha and Orion, and is a smaller edition of Canopus, having a little difference in the intensity of the cream color, so that it appears nearly white, and with a slightly darker shading of crimson on the light yellow lip. The 5¼" florets are ruffled, fluted and pointed and of very heavy texture, well placed on a 56" to 65" spike, 26" to 30" flower head of sixteen to eighteen buds according to the culture given it. As many as seven have opened at once, and five to seven show color.

Price for No. 1 or No. 2 bulb—each \$3.00

